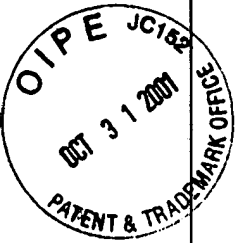


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office action mailed July 31, 2001, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

--1. (amended) A computer-implemented method for creating a portfolio of equity stocks, comprising the steps of:

determining the composition of a predetermined broad based stock index by accessing a database and creating a list of the stocks making up said index;

obtaining from said database for each stock in said index, data relating to at least market capitalization and sales of the company issuing the stock;

sorting said index list by market capitalization and setting the lowest market capitalization among a predetermined number of stocks in said sorted index list as a predetermined value; and

sorting said index list by sales and placing into said portfolio, until a predetermined number of stocks are reached, a stock having the highest sales of said sales-sorted list and having a market capitalization not less than said predetermined value.

2. (amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined value of said market capitalization is the top twenty percent of said broad based stock index.--;

--4. (amended) A computer-implemented system for creating a portfolio of equity stocks, comprising:

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